

## **Program E: Agro-Consumer Services**

Program Authorization: R.S. 376:628(D)

### **Program Description**

The mission of the Office of Agro-Consumer Services Program is to regulate weights and measures; license weigh masters, scale companies and technicians; license and inspect bonded farm warehouses and milk processing plants; and license grain dealer; warehouses and cotton buyers. To carry out this mission, the Office of Agro-Consumer Services Program: (1) regulated the measuring, sampling, testing and transportation of dairy products and audits all processors, distributors and retailers of dairy products; (2) license, inspect, and audit all grain dealers, warehouses and cotton buyers in the state; (3) certifies and inspects all commercially used weights, measures, and weighing and measuring devices; certification of taxi meters; certification of scanners; and inspection of motor fuel dispensers; (4) license scale companies and technicians; (5) provides price stability in the marketplace and assures an environment for fair and equal competitiveness as provided under Dairy Stabilization Board rules and regulations; (6) maintains the official state standards of mass; length and volume, which are traceable to the National Institute of Standards & Technology; (7) maintains a more current pricing of milk in the marketplace as prices respond to fluctuations at farm level; and (8) provides grain inspection to protect the grain elevator industry and grain producers. The goal of the Office of Agro-Consumer Service is to provide regulatory services to ensure consumer protection for Louisiana producers and consumers.

## RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$924,333	\$774,461	\$774,461	\$858,172	\$690,607	(\$83,854)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	2,298,097	2,109,858	2,109,858	2,109,858	2,074,521	(35,337)
Statutory Dedications	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	102,822	102,822	102,822	102,822	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	<b>\$4,022,430</b>	<b>\$3,787,141</b>	<b>\$3,787,141</b>	<b>\$3,870,852</b>	<b>\$3,667,950</b>	<b>(\$119,191)</b>
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$2,655,848	\$2,106,165	\$2,584,060	\$2,649,218	\$2,549,339	(\$34,721)
Other Compensation	61,662	114,000	114,000	114,000	114,000	0
Related Benefits	461,244	471,368	471,368	480,783	463,678	(7,690)
Total Operating Expenses	733,772	754,063	464,063	475,201	369,283	(94,780)
Professional Services	90,056	136,329	136,329	136,329	136,329	0
Total Other Charges	11,583	15,321	15,321	15,321	35,321	20,000
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	8,265	189,895	2,000	0	0	(2,000)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	<b>\$4,022,430</b>	<b>\$3,787,141</b>	<b>\$3,787,141</b>	<b>\$3,870,852</b>	<b>\$3,667,950</b>	<b>(\$119,191)</b>
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	67	59	59	59	56	(3)
Unclassified	5	13	13	13	13	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>(3)</b>

## SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund, Fees and Self-generated Revenues, Statutory Dedications and Federal Funds. The Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from the following: (1) inspection fees for weights and measures scales; (2) funds collected from assessments on sales of milk and dairy products; (3) reimbursement to the department from the Dairy Industry Promotion Board for collection of revenue; (4) industry reimbursed salary costs of poultry graders assigned to plants; (5) fees collected from poultry plants for grading services; and (6) fees generated from inspection of fruits and vegetables. Statutory Dedications are derived from the Petroleum Products Fund (previously located in DOTD). (Per R. S. 39:36B(8), see table below for a listing of each statutory dedicated fund.) Federal Funds are received from: (1) commodity credit for reimbursement of audit expenses; and (2) USDA reimbursement for sampling commodities.

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>ACT 12</b>	<b>EXISTING</b>	<b>CONTINUATION</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>
	<b>2000-2001</b>	<b>2001-2002</b>	<b>2001-2002</b>	<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>OVER/(UNDER)</b>
						<b>EXISTING</b>
Petroleum and Petroleum Products Fund	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$0

## MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
<b>\$774,461</b>	<b>\$3,787,141</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>ACT 12 FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002</b>
			<b>BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:</b>
\$0	\$0	0	None
<b>\$774,461</b>	<b>\$3,787,141</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 20, 2001</b>
\$38,224	\$38,224	0	Annualization of FY 2001-2002 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$36,349	\$36,349	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2002-2003
(\$2,000)	(\$2,000)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$137,806	\$137,806	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$126,793)	(\$126,793)	0	Attrition Adjustment
(\$74,780)	(\$74,780)	0	Salary Funding from Other Line Items
(\$92,660)	(\$127,997)	(3)	Gubernatorial Position Reduction
<b>\$690,607</b>	<b>\$3,667,950</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<b>\$690,607</b>	<b>\$3,667,950</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003</b>
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE</b>
<b>\$690,607</b>	<b>\$3,667,950</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED</b>

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

\$128,129	Legal Services (C. James Gelphi Corp., Rodney, Bordenave, Boykin, Bennette, and Boyle )
\$8,200	To be determined, Court Reporters

<b>\$136,329</b>	<b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>
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**OTHER CHARGES**

\$15,321	Statewide fees, Civil Service, UPS, CPTP, Treasury, etc.
\$20,000	Office of Telecommunications Management Fees
<b>\$35,321</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS</b>
<b>\$35,321</b>	<b>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>

## **ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS**

This program does not have funding recommendations for Acquisitions and Major Repairs for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.